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10 housing, said winding teeth having a shape to slide past each other when said spool is wound in said winding direction, said shape of said winding teeth blocking rotation of said spool with respect to said housing in said unwinding direction;

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15 a stop connected to said housing and blocking separation of said spool from said housing during winding of the cutting line by said winding mechanism, said stop including a support connected to said housing, said support rotatably holding said spool between said housing and said support.

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to improve the style of this application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful reading of the last Amendment, for pointing out discrepancies and for providing suggestions.

The specification has been amended to further describe the "retention members". It is Applicant's position that the drawings show the retention members to perform the functions set forth in the claims, and now set forth in the specification. The specification now corresponds to the drawings and claims.

The rejection to claim 77, line 13 has also been addressed.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for the careful reading of the last Amendment, for pointing out discrepancies, and for providing suggestions.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by

telephone to discuss possible changes.

At this time Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and based on the above amendments and remarks, respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

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Marked-Up Paragraph from the Specification
Marked-Up Version of Claim 77

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MARKED-UP PARAGRAPH FROM THE SPECIFICATION

Figs. 11 and 12 show a variant of the head depicted in Figs. 9 and 10. Identical or corresponding parts are indicated by the same reference numbers increased by 100 over the numbers given in the embodiment in Figs. 9 and 10. In this version the lower flange 305Y of the spool 305 possesses teeth 343 that engage with pegs 341 inserted through the wall 303D of the housing portion 303. The pegs 341 have the same function as the tabs 241 and 141 of the earlier embodiments. The line feed mechanism is the same as that described above. The dimensions of the pegs 341 are such as to ensure, in conjunction with the teeth 343, the anti-rotation action of the spool 305 in order to prevent spontaneous unwinding. The pegs 341 or the tabs 141, 241 may also be replaced by other annular retention members built into the internal cylindrical wall of the housing portion of the head. The retention members act against the force of the spring to prevent the spring from escaping from the housing when the housing is open to enable the supply of cutting line to be wound on the spool. In the embodiment of Fig. 1, the retention members include the journal 9. In the embodiment of Figs. 3 - 10, the retention members include the tabs 141 and 241. In the embodiment of Figs. 11 - 13 the retention members include the pegs 341.

MARKED-UP VERSION OF CLAIM 77

77. (Amended) A cutting head comprising:

a housing:

a spool rotatably mounted in said housing, cutting line being windable on said spool;

a feed mechanism in said housing for rotating said spool in an unwinding direction in

5 said housing and feeding the cutting line off of said spool;

a winding mechanism in said housing for rotating said spool in a winding direction while
said spool is in said housing and winding the cutting line onto said spool, said winding
mechanism including winding teeth rotatable with said spool and winding teeth fixed on said
housing, said winding teeth having a shape to slide past each other when said spool is wound
10 in said winding direction, said shape of said winding teeth blocking rotation of said spool with
respect to said housing in said unwinding direction;

a stop connected to said housing and blocking separation of said spool from said
housing during winding of the cutting line by said winding mechanism, said stop including a
support connected to said housing, said support rotatably holding said spool between said
15 housing and said support.